### POPLAR PHONE

ville into the Poplar area have been received at the Porterville office of the Pacific Telephone VOL. I-NO. 35 and Telegraph company to assure the extension of service into Poplar as soon as materials, notably cable that is now in short supply, can be obtained, according to Harry Britton, Porterville manager of Pacific Tel- HORSE TRACK ephone and Telegraph.

Britton further stated that an order is in for a pay telephone to be placed near the Poplar postoffice. He said that with the great number of applications for telephone service being received by the Porterville office and with the cable shortage, orders cannot be filled immediate-

It is probable that the line from Porterville into Poplar will run west to Cotton Center, then branch into Poplar. Service will be provided on a "10-party suburban" basis.

The matter of telephone service into Poplar was called to the attention of directors of the Porterville chamber of commerce at a recent meeting and the chamber group offered complete support in any way that it (Continued on Page 14)

## SERVICE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE Sufficient applications for telephone service from Porter The Fall of the Porter The Fa

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### PORTERVILLE ROUND-UP IS SCHEDULED BY SADDLE CLUB

### HALF - MILE AT CAMP RANCH

Additional improvements, designed to establish a headquarters for his string of harness horses, has been started by S. A. Camp at his Springville ranch, with a half-mile track now under construction at the junction of the Wishon and Balch Park roads

Heavy equipment is moving dirt from the west side of the Balch Park road into the lower land nearer the river, with the road location being changed and a road curve straightened in the process.

In addition to the track work, Mr. Camp, who is a Kern county farmer and one of the top harness horse men in the nation, plans to construct a 20-stall barn

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MAYNARD SOMMER, Porterville high school Future Farmer, who will compete against representatives from Kern, Fresno and Madera counties in regional finals of a Future Farmer speaking contest to be held in Tulare the middle of March. Sommer is a local and sectional speaking win-

### Future Farmers, 4-H Members To Show Livestock At Cow Palace This Month

Future Farmers and 4-H club members in the southeastern Tulare county area are putting the final touches on fancy cattle preparatory to showing in San Francisco's famous Cow Palace March 20-25 at the National Junior Livestock exposition.

Between 15 and 20 head of cattle will be taken by junior exhibitors from this district to San Francisco. Both Herefords and Angus are on the local entry lists.

Ducor 4-H exhibitors will include: Johnny Dennis, Betty Muller and Jimmie Martinez, Hereford steers; Joleen Flynn

and Loretta Muller, Angus steers and Arlin and Arleen Morris, Hereford heifers.

From Springville, Bill Borror, 4-H club member, will show a Dinner Tonight pen of five Angus and Merna Borror will enter two individual Angus.

Future Farmer exhibitors, all of whom will enter Herefords, include: Don Vossler, Maynard Sommer, Dick Woodard and Thomas Long.

Ducor exhibitors plan to show in the fat stock class and will dispose of their stock at the auction being held in connection with the show.

Woodville

Woodville residents and guests from throughout the Tulare county area will gather tonight at the Woodville community hall for the annual chamber of commerce banquet, with dinner prepared by the Women of Woodville, advertised as the "best cooks in the world."

Jack Ashworth, outgoing president of the chamber, will preside, introducing guests, new (Continued on Page 14)

### **Professional** Rodeo Set For Rocky Hill Arena

Headlined professional cowboys and nationally known entertainers will appear in the first Porterville Roundup, which has been scheduled for May 8 and 9 as the opening event for the new Rocky Hill arena, located on the Loren Bartlett ranch east of Porterville.

The Roundup will be staged by the Orange Belt Saddle club and will be conducted as an approved Rodeo Cowboy association show under rules of the R.C.A. Points awarded in the Porterville show will count toward national professional cowboy championships.

EVENTS LISTED

Six professional events will highlight the two-day program: Brahma bull riding, calf roping, bare-back riding, bull dogging and team roping. A special steer stopping event has been scheduled for local performers.

Serving on the Orange Belt Saddle club rodeo committee are: Nick Della, chairman; Harry Britton, George Bastian, Bob Nyswonger, Roy Webb, Uly Priftike, H. D. Nicholson and Club President "Sandy" Ward.

5,000 SEATS

The Rocky Hill arena, built by Mr. Bartlett for operation by the Orange Belt Saddle club, is now nearing completion. It will include eight bucking chutes, a judges stand and corrals. Seating capacity for the arena will

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### Additional Brands Presented In Series



SHOWN ABOVE are brands of Elizabeth Sandborg, two from the Huston & Boone ranch (Walter Huston, the noted actor), C. J. Hardeman, Otis Lawson, E. S. Moon and Louis Muller. The brands were photographed by The Farm Tribune at Leggett's Men's and Boys' shop in Porterville, where more than 100 reproductions of local cattle brands have been gathered.

### **Ballots Favor** Osteopaths

In answer to last week's Farm Tribune question as to wether or not osteopaths should be allowed to practice in the proposed Sierra View district hospital, 76 per cent of the ballots cast were in favor of allowing osteopaths to practice; 24 per cent opposed allowing osteopaths to practice.

On a basis of ballots received up to Wednesday afternoon, 116 favored the osteopaths; 36 opposed their practicing in the

### SNOW PACK IS SMALL

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### Survey Shows Need For 40-Bed Hospital, Application Filed For Assistance Money

A statement that need for a 40-bed hospital exists in the Sierra View Hospital district was made in papers prepared by R. J. Stull, hospital consultant of James Hamilton and Associates. as application for state and federal funds was officially filed March 1 by Mr. Stull with Dr. P. K. Gilman, chief, bureau of hospitals, California state department of public health.

Status of the project at present is that if state and federal health agencies determine that hospital need in the Sierra View district justifies expenditure of state and federal funds, twothirds of the cost of the proposed hospital will come from these sources. The one third balance. according to members of the local hospital board, would be raised through a bond issue within the hospital district, which covers the Porterville Union High School district and a major portion of the Strathmore Union High district.

COST ESTIMATED

Mr. Stull estimated that cost of the 40-bed hospital would run \$723,300. Work on a complete, initial survey of district needs will be continued by Mr. Stull, with a report forecoming in from 60 to 90 days.

On a basis of his preliminary survey, Mr. Stull declared that 28 medical and surgical beds would be included in the proposed community hospital. Eight beds would be devoted to obstetrics, four beds to pediatrics and 12 bassinets would be provided for new borns.

IMPROVED SERVICE

Such a hospital, according to Mr. Stull, would mark an improved service in medicine, surgery and obstetrics. Pediatrics would be setup as a new service.

In commenting on the existing, New Porterville hospital, Mr. Stull said that it could not be properly expanded to meet existing needs because of its physical location, its structure, its space allocations and its internal arrangement. He said that it could be utilized for other purposes possibly related to medicine.

#### HIGH BIRTH RATE

State figures show that in the area covered by the Sierra View hospital district there is a relatively high birth rate and also a relatively high infant mortality rate. Only .72 hospital beds exist per 1,000 population, a figure that would be raised to 1.6 beds per 1,000 population on a basis of 25,000 persons in the hospital district.

If constructed in the future, the Sierra View district hospital would be built in conformity with regulations of the state bureau of hospitals.

#### FARM LABOR GROUP TO MEET

Board of directors of the Southern Tulare County Farm Labor association plans to meet March 8 to discuss, among other things, future plans for the farm labor camp on Granvilla avenue near the Springville highway, which has been used in past years to house Mexicans Nationals,

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### VALENCIA PROSPECTS ENCOURAGING

Prospects for the local Valencia orange crop are looking up somewhat, according to growers and shippers, with unofficial estimates placing 1948 yield at possibly 75 per cent of last year.

Although the extent of frost damage during the past winter has not been definitely determined, it appears that it will be slight. As the crop is shaping up, hill groves, in general, are lighter than valley groves, a situation that also existed during the navel season.

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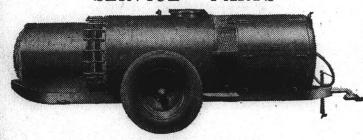
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#### IT'S LOOKS LIKE WE WILL HAVE A SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOW

Although there has been no publicity on the subject, considerable behind-the-scene work has been going on during the past two months concerning a junior livestock show for Porterville, and, for a time it appeared that a source of funds for a rather extensive show might be available.

It appears now, however, that if we are to have a local show, we will have to take care of the entire deal right here in the southeastern area of Tulare county, and it is along these lines that the Porterville chamber of commerce fair committee is now thinking.

Specifically, the best possibility seems to be to cooperate with Future Farmers of Porterville high school in their annual Patrons' day program. With a little outside "push" this event could be made into an outstanding junior show, and, if a division was set up for 4-H exhibitors, the show could rival, and perhaps surpass the junior division of the Tulare county fair in numbers and quality of animals.

As we have stated before, we believe that the southeastern Tulare county area needs an agricultural show. We believe that a show should be staged this spring—a show that would be handled entirely on a local basis and staged on as extensive a scale as the community can afford.

We urge the local fair board to go ahead with plans for a spring livestock show—the best show that it is possible to produce. And we know that if proper planning is done, that show will be a credit and an asset to the southern Tulare county area.

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### Improved 65 Junction Sought

Improvement of the junction of highway 65 and highway 99 at Bakersfield was given impetus Monday evening when the road committee of the Tulare county chamber of commerce voted to recommend that the Tulare county planning engineer be instructed ot work with the Kern county planning commission in drawing improvement plans.

The county road committee meeting was held at the county chamber office in Visalia. H. T. Lewis, chairman of the county chamber road committee, presided.

WHAT'S THIS? CALIFORNIA SECOND?

It must be true—at least the United States department of agriculture says that California was only second in farm income in 1947. Iowa topped the states with a figure of \$2,368,963,000 as compared to California's \$2, 155,538,000.

GAS LINES INTO POPLAR

Workmen are this week laying Southern California Gas company lines from Cotton Center into Poplar for delivery of natural gac into the Poplar community. Gas is expected to be available about the first of April.

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### RED CROSS FUNDS DRIVE PLANNED FOR RURAL AREAS; HEADS NAMED

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Cross funds in the rural area surrounding the city of Porter-

ville and in the city itself, were

this week announced by Max K. Jamison. Red Cross drive chair-

At Terra Bella, Donald Tyrrell

will be in charge of solicitations;

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Colony, Mrs. Walter Frost; Por-

terville business district, Kiwan-

is club, with Ken Rusher as

chairman; Lions club, with Oren Sheela as chairman and Rotary club with William Allen as chairman and Porterville residential area, Emblem Club, headed by Mrs. Albert Rucker;

20-Ands club, with Mrs. Charles

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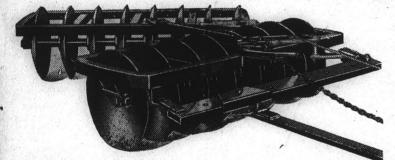
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### Frost Warning To Continue

Frost warning forecasts for Tulare county during the spring season will be issued from the Weather Bureau office at Lindsay as in previous years. R. T. Small will be the meteorologist in charge.

The frost warning forecasts will be broadcast nightly during the period February 16 through April 30 over the following stations: KTIP at Porterville at 8:15 p. m. and KMJ at Fresno at 8:00 p. m. and 10:15 p. m.

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#### AT YOUR SERVICE Eight New Forage Plants Developed For Use On Range Lands Of California

BY R. MERTON LOVE Associate Prof. of Agronomy, Experiment Station, Davis.

Seven new grasses and one winter annual legume have recently been certified by the California Crop Improvement Association and the seed placed in the hands of seed growers.

These new forage plants will serve to fill a gap that existed in the improvement of the range areas of the state-two of them will contribute to higher production in irrigated pastures. All strains discussed in this article have been widely tested in California for a number of years. The recommendations apply to these certified strains only. The new forage plants, together with adjusted grazing practices designed to maintain them, will add many pounds of meat or wool or butterfat to California's livestock industry.

THE STIPAS

The nodding and the purple stipa are amoung the hardiest of the native bunchgrasses of California, with wide adaptation in the Coast Ranges from San Diego to Humboldt counties, and similarly in the Sierra Nevada foothill areas from south to

Nodding stipa, the hardier grass extends beyond the tree line of the woodland-grass association to the drier areas. Each species has been subjected to selection in the grass plots at Davis for five years and the foundation seed for each is a blend of 12 superior strains. This blend insures wide adaptability. Seed harvesting in dificult and until more experience is gained only limited quantities of seed are likely to be available for some time.

Because of the difficulty in obtaining stands of smilo, use of this valuable grass has been extremely limited. Following numerous trials in the ash of burned brush, however, the certified strain can now be widely recommended since sucessful stands are almost inveriable obtained

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should shortly be able to buy this seed in large quantities. PERENNIAL VELDT

Native to South Africa, this grass has done particularly well in sandy soil in the south and central coastal areas.

A four-acre planting seeded in 1942 near Corona del Mar in Orange County, has now spread over two more acres. Recent test have indicated its range may extend further north.

Perennial veldt in palatable and drought-resistant, but it is not so long-lived as the stipas or smile Because the seeds on the panicles ripen over a very long period, it is dificult to obtain large seed yeilds. Thus this seed is likely to be high priced, but the fact that it volunteers will compensate for the initial high cost of seed.

Veldt grass seed is produced in Australia, but until their material has been tested by the Division of Agronomy, ranchers are cautioned against buying imported seed except on trial basis.

HARLAN BROME

Harlan brome originated in the University grass gardens in Berkeley and was presumably introduced from Chile where it. is native.

It is a palatable, agressive plant. As it is short-lived perennial, it will act as an annual under unfavorable conditions. where it reseeds well and thus maintains itself on the range. It has been observed to set seed on stems only two inches in height. It will probably replace or supplement much of the dom-

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### Color In Dress Meetings Subject

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March 5, 2 p. m., Earlimart, in the School Social Hall.

March 17, 2 p. m., Springville, home of Mrs. Jean Hanggi.

March 18, 2 p. m., Prairie Center, home of Mrs. Edith Terry.

March 19, 2 p. m., Alta Vista, place to be announced.

March 22, 2 p. m., Surprise, home of Mrs. Guy Rising.

March 23, 2 p. m., Burton, place to be announced.

### Equipment Day County Women

A Home Equipment Day arranged by the Agricultural Extension service will be held in

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#### **Ordinary Beans** Make Inviting Dinner Dish

Ordinary beans may be made into an inviting dinner dish if they are properly prepared and given a little "color."

BAKED BEANS

1 lb. Navy beans.

5 T molasses

½ tsp mustard.

4 T brown sugar.

1/2 lb. salt pork.

4 medium onions, sliced.

Pepper, soda.

Soak beans over night. Boil until skins loosen slightly then add 1 tsp soda. Boil up and drain.

the Civic Auditorium, Visalia, Thursday, March 11, ofrm 10 a. m. to 3 p. m., Clara E. Cowgill, Home Demonstration Agent. announced. The purpose of the day is to give information on the selection of kitchen and laundry appliances and give and women of Tulare county an opportunity to examine the newest equipment available.

Home appliance dealers in Visalia are cooperating by having on display new kitchen and laundry equipment.

Representatives of the local utility companies and the Agricultural Extension service will discuss the selection of different types of home appliances.

Mix molasses, mustard and brown sugar in a cup. Fill rest of cup with hot water. Pour over beans which have been previously put in a casserole or bean pot. Add enough water to cover beans. Place onions and salt pork slices on top. Bake 6 to 8 hours at 250 degrees.

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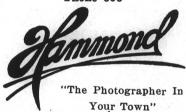
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### **Bulletin Out**

Farm Advisor Wm. E. Gilfillan reports interest in septic tanks in rural areas of Tulare county as new buildings are erected for family dwellings.

The convenience of water piped into the house is enjoyed by nearly three-fourths of the farm families in California, he says. The full advantage of having water in the dwelling can be obtained only if the sewage disposal system is safe and operates effectivley.

The septic tank is the accepted and satisfactory method of sewage disposal for most rural homes. Such a system is generally safer than a leaching cesspool for absorbing the effluent.

A circular of the Agricultural Extension service is available to rural people interested in constructing a septic tank. It is well illustrated with sketches to show the complete sanitary system, perspective and section drawings of a septic tank, and photographs showing each step in the construction.

The farm advisor says a copy of this circular will be presented interested parties who call at the Extension Office, post office building, Visalia. Ask for "A Septic Tank for Farm Homes," by H. L. Belton and J. P. Fairbank.



By BILL WHITE JR.

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#### Citrus Sprays Recommended

The use of DDT-kerosene sprays for the control of citricola scale in citrus groves should not be continued past March 15. states Assistant Farm Advisor Clem Meith. Where 5% lime sulfur is being used spraying can be done up to the time the new growth is about one-half inch long.

The DDT-kerosene spray is recommended wherever lime sulfur is no longer effective. However, it is probably advisable not to use DDT in any grove which shows more than a normal population of live cottony cushion scale.

The effective control of citricola spray depends on good coverage. It is important that the top of the tree be thoroughly covered because it is not easy later to detect the presence of live scale there. Live scale left in the top of the tree can quickly reinfect the remainder of the

#### Poult Brooding To Be Discussed At Springville

W. F. Rooney, assistant farm advisor, will discuss the brooding of chicks and poults at the Perry Marlin turkey ranch, Springville, on Monday afternoon, March 8. at 1:30 p. m.

Included in the demonstration will be information on feeding, disease prevention in general and the work of the University of California on Newcastle Disease in particular. The ranch is located 4 miles east of Milo. All interested turkey growers and poultrymen are invited.

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#### **Eight New Grasses Discussed**

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estic ryegrass currently being so widely used on the range.

PRAIRIE BROME

This strain was grown in California at the University of California in the Imperial Valley with seed obtained from New Zealand

Prairie brome is a strong winter grower. It has performed particularly well on coastal ranges. Elsewhere, without irrigation, its use is limited to good soils. There are indications that it is a good irrigated pasture plant. It is definitely distinct and superior to any of the "rescue grasses" of the southwestern United States.

RYEGRASS 12

Ryegrass 12 is an increase from a packet of seed obtained in November 1943 from the Plant Research Bureau, Grassland Division, New Zealand.

It is presumably a sister of their short rotation ryegrass. Both are selections from an artificial hybrid between annual and perennial ryegrass made in New Zealand.

Ryegrass 12 is morphologically about intermediate between the parents. It produces early in fall growth, recovers more rapidly after pasturing than either annual or perennial ryegrass, and remains green much longer than annual ryegrass. It will undoubtedly find a place in California's irrigated pastures and good soil on dry land ranges.

ROSE CLOVER

A winter annual, the foundation seed of rose clover is derived from F. C. 23014. The original seed was obtained from the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture at Beltsville, Md.

It appears to be less sensitive

#### Do Not Prune **Frosted Trees**

Citrus trees that have been damaged by frost are beginning to look rather sorry says Assistant Farm Advisor Clem Meith. and some have a desire to prune off the damaged portions of the tree. However it is not advisable to prune a citrus tree immediately following frost damage. Oftentimes such pruning removes wood that would put out some new growth if left alone. The removal of live wood only adds to the shock to the tree.

The pruning of frost damaged trees should be delayed at least six months and preferred one year, states Meith. By that time the dead wood can be readily identified and it will be easy to avoid the removal of live boow

to low temperatures and short daylength than either bur clover or subclover, and therefore grows more rapidly than either of them in cool weather.

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### Utility District To Be Discussed At Woodville

Discussion of various aspects of a utility district will be heard at a meeting of business men and farmers to be held the evening of March 10 at the Community hall in Woodville.

Earl Ingram, Tulare county planning engineer, will speak on the subject during the evening. The meeting was arranged by the Woodville chamber of commerce.

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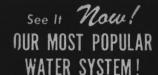
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Crosses between the high Rhode Island Red line and a White Leghorn line, which laid eggs having only about four per cent of blood spots, showed similar intermediate inheritance.

So it seems clear that tendency to lay eggs free from blood spots is one of those characteristics which hens inherit. It is subject to considerable control through breeding. Poultrymen will find their layers producing more eggs with blood spots at this time of year than any other. For this reason they will be wise to candle eggs now for direct sales to consumers.

### Deciduous Groves Need Fertilizer Now

Deciduous fruit growers who have their fertilizers on hand should apply it to their orchards now, says A. D. Rissi, assistant farm advisor in Tulare county.

Experience obtained from carefully observed tests has shown that it is desirable to have the nitrogen supply available

to the trees at the time that trees start growth. Nitrogen appears to be the only fertilizing element that is needed for deciduous orchards. The cheapest source of nitrogen is found in simple nitrogen fertilizing materials such as sulfate of ammonia, nitrate of ammonia, nitrate of soda and anhydrous or liquid ammonia.

From 80 to 100 pounds of actual nitrogen per acre is recommended for applications. In orchards where it is desirable to increase tree vigor and growth it may be necessary to add 120 pounds of nitrogen per acre.

The fertilizer may be applied on the surface of the ground where irrigation water is applied by flooding, suggested Rizzi. However, where water is applied by the furrow system it is desirable to apply the fertilizer in the bottom of the irrigation furrows and run the water over it. It is necessary that the water be applied on top of the fertilizer in order that it can be moved into the root zone of the trees.

During past years there has been the tendency among some growers to apply fertilizers at thinning time or even later. This method has not proven to be as satisfactory as pre-growth application of fertilizers.

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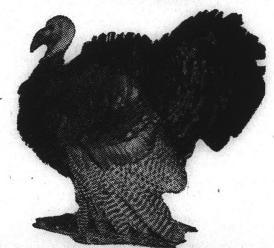
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The dance given by the members of the Porterville Juvenile band was a success throughout. A large crowd was present and everyone had an excellent time. A very fine supper was served in the Palace hotel at midnight.

A special feature, after supper, was a cake walk by three couples: Miss Helen Wright and Al Leslie: Miss Elaine Brashear and Charles White and Miss Lucinda White and Job Tyler. They all walked exceedingly well, but Miss Brashear and Mr. White took the cake

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A special meeting of the directors of the Board of Trade was held Satuday, at which was discussed the advisability of placing an advertisement in a Southern California magazine advertising Porterville as the Land of Sunshine, and to get 10,000 pamphlets printed up from the article for distribution by the Los Angeles chamber of commerce.

It was unanimously decided to insert the writeup. Several other ideas were also discussed for advancing Porterville's fu-

Miss Ruby Roth and Miss May Howeth attended the masquerade held the other evening at White River.

Miss May Hodge of Porterville is visiting Mrs. J. Brown, postmistress at White River.

A heavy thunder storm visited White River Saturday night and the river is very high as a consequence.

The Springville court in now ready for business and the Springville judicial township is now a part of the Tulare county judiciary. Some person who wants to gain small fame can do so by being the first person arrested by Constable Hoover and tried before Judge Talbot. Judge Talbot has had considerable experience and can try you with ease and judicial urbanity.

The petition asking Congress to appropraite \$10,000 to build a wagon road from Springville up the middle fork of the Tule, has received the signature of many influencial persons in Los Angeles. Ex-Governor Markham and Judge Rose are pushing the matter there.

Subscribers are now being taken for The Commoner, William Jennings Bryon's new paper, at James' news depot.

Mrs. Ida Long has opened a school of dressmaking in the North Taylor block, room 12.

The athletic meet which was supposed to be held last Saturday in Fresno has been postponed until March 9.

Peter Ting returned from his trip to Austria last Tuesday.

Joseph Muller's company will present the show, "Under sealed Orders" at the Opera house next Tuesday.

### President Sends Message To 4-H Members •

Tulare County 4-H Club members were congratulated this week by President Harry Truman on the theme selected for 4-H Club Week, March 1 to 7.

The President's message, received by John A. Emo, assistant farm advisor follows:

"You are to be congratulated on the theme chosen for this year's National 4-H Club Week, March 1 to 7, creating better homes today for a more responsible citizenship tomorrow.' It is a message that is deep-rooted in the American Way of life.

"In the family circle we learn by daily experience that liberty carries with it some essential obligations that each of us must respect if we are to insure harmonious family living. In a highly specialized age like ours, this concept is one that should extend beyond the family into the larger community and the human society of which all of us are a part. I hope you will succeed in your goal of reaching every rural boy and girl with your message.

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Woodville Dinner Tonight

(Continued from page 1) board members and the incoming president, Kirby Wyllie. A short talk on "Woodville, What Now," will be given by Bill Rodgers, editor of The Farm Tribune.

Following the dinner and program, a dance will be held in the hall.

### Rodeo Scheduled By Saddle Club

(Continued from Page 1) be 5,000 persons.

At the present time Saddle club members are negotiating for bucking strings. The local show, approved by the R.C.A. office at Fort Worth, Texas, fits into spring shows in California that draw the best of professional cowboys.

### Horse Track at Camp Ranch

(Continued from page 1) with living quarters attached. The old Stephans' house is also to be remodeled and a white, board fence is being built around the ranch property.

Mr. Camp plans to use the ranch as a training center for his harness horses. He expects to keep his string of racing stock at the ranch during the fall and winter months between racing seasons.

#### ASPARAGUS BEING CUT

Some asparagus has been cut in the Poplar, Porterville area with Williams and Sons having sent two small shipments to Los Angeles.

Additional asparagus is being cut this week and it is expected that if the warm weather continues, cutting will become general in this area within a few days.

#### Judging Teams To Woodlake

Two judging teams of Porterville Future Farmers will participate in a beef cattle field day being given Saturday at the Vanderhoof ranch near Woodlake.

A dinner will be provided for the boys at noon, some top Polled Herefords will be made available for judging work and an inspection tour will be taken over the ranch.

Assisting with the program, which will also be attended by Future Farmers from throughout the Central valley area, will be H. A. McDougal, vice president of Fontana Farms.

#### HIGHWAY 65?

A meeting of Porterville business men and other residents of the community, will meet Tuesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock at the Porterville city hall to discuss possible routes of an improved Highway 65.

#### GRANGE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

A meeting of the Pomona Grange will be held in Porterville next Thursday evening, with Ira Anthony, of Poplar, Grange master in charge. A regular meeting of the Porterville Grange will be held next Wednesday evening.



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